

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

IN RE:

**Order Regarding Measures to Combat
Spread of COVID-19**

Misc. No.: 1-20-mp-00004

ORDER

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania is cognizant of the fact that public health authorities recommend social distancing as a means of slowing the spread of novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”). *See* [Court Notice](#) for additional information. Conducting hearings telephonically, where practical and appropriate, will reduce the quantity and frequency of gatherings at the Court.

Upon consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED that, until further order of the Court, the Court will remain open for the conduct of official business; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that all Court appearances after March 18, 2020 shall be conducted telephonically, unless expressly directed otherwise by the presiding Judge; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that parties seeking to participate in a telephonic hearing must make arrangement to do so either by contacting CourtCall at 1-866-582-6878 or following the instructions on the Court’s website. *See* [Court Website](#)

FURTHER ORDERED that all evidentiary hearings and trials presently scheduled to occur through April 17, 2020 shall be continued for a period of 28 days; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that any party (including pro-se litigants) seeking to continue a hearing subject to this Order for any reason, including the inability to appear telephonically, shall seek concurrence from each of the other parties to the hearing (including pro-se litigants) before submitting such a request to the Court; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall remain in effect until further order of this Court.

Dated: March 17, 2020

By the Court,



Henry W. Van Eck, Chief Bankruptcy Judge ^(JH)